

Construction progressing on many projects

Construction continues on many road projects. As of the middle of October, approximately 62% of the work planned for the 2013 construction season has been completed and paid out.

Watford City US 85 Bypass groundbreaking takes place

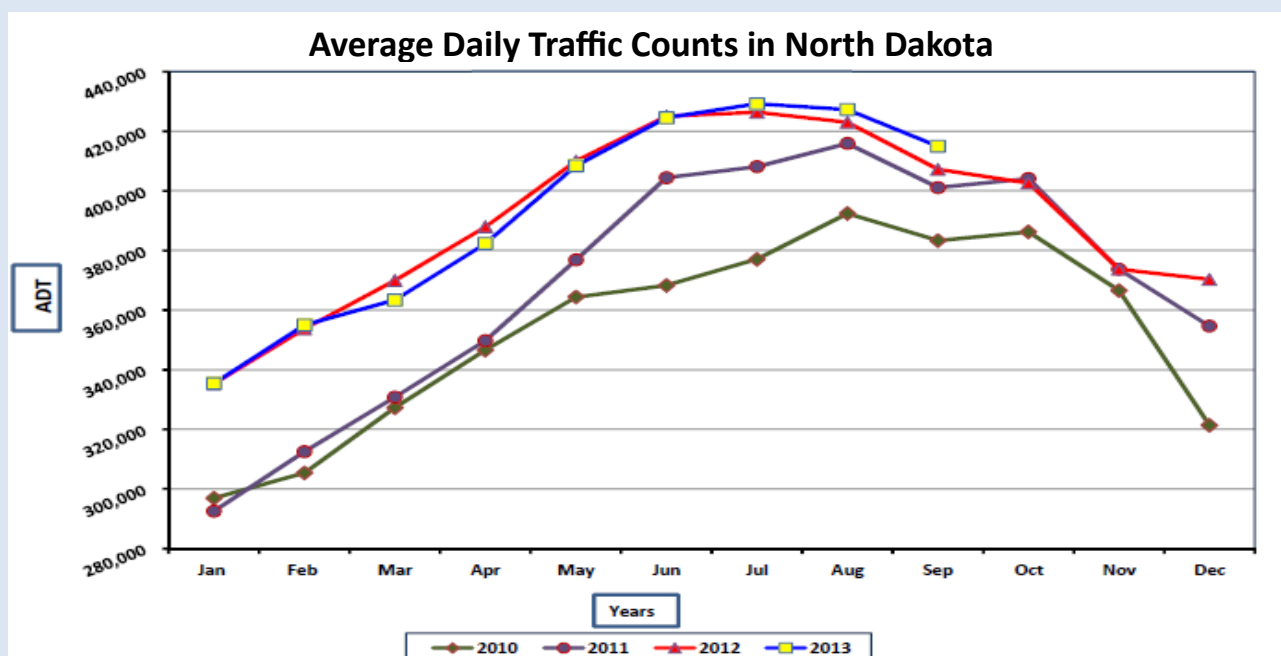
Governor Dalrymple, NDDOT officials, and local leaders recently broke ground on the U.S. 85 Watford City Bypass, which will re-route Highway 85 traffic onto a new roadway southwest of Watford City. The state-funded bypass will enhance safety and traffic movement throughout the area, as well as meet the region's transportation needs resulting from increased economic growth and activity. The state provided \$72 million to fund Phase I of the bypass project. Construction began the first week in October and the project is expected to be completed by the end of the 2014 construction season.



Groundbreaking Ceremony for US 85 Watford City Bypass.

Recent traffic counts remain steady

The chart below illustrates that while traffic across the state is significantly higher than counts in 2010 (green line) with major growth in 2011 (purple line), recent NDDOT traffic counts show that traffic numbers remain steady at the higher levels. The average daily traffic counts for all vehicles during the first nine months of 2013 (blue line) remain fairly close to vehicle counts in 2012 (red line.)



Killdeer Roundabout featured on YouTube Video

The roundabout at the intersection of ND 200 and ND 22 south of Killdeer is the first roundabout on a state highway in North Dakota. The traffic is bustling due to growing economic activity and the roundabout safely moves cars and trucks through the area. This video tells the story: <http://www.youtube.com/user/NDDOTOnline>.

Changes in Executive Team Members at NDDOT

Over the past few months there have been a few changes in NDDOT Executive Team members. The Governor appointed Grant Levi as Director of the Department in May. Ron Henke has been named Deputy Director for Engineering to replace Levi. Mark Nelson has been named Interim Deputy Director for Driver and Vehicle Services to temporarily replace Linda Butts who retired in September. Dave Leftwich, Deputy Director for Business Support has also announced his retirement effective November 30th and Darcy Rosendahl has been named to fill Leftwich's position.



Grant Levi



Ron Henke



Darcy Rosendahl



Mark Nelson